

Application No. 10/042,360

REMARKS

Applicants note the allowance of Claims 3 and 4, and that Claims 2, 27 and 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated. To expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled without prejudice Claims 2, 5, 27 and 28. Accordingly, since Claims 3 and 4 have been allowed, and the Examiner has indicated that Claims 5 to 26 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, noting the amendment to Claim 1 incorporating the language of Claim 5.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment, however, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney (or agent) hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby requested to call Eugene O. Palazzo, at Telephone Number 585-423-4687, Rochester, New York.

Respectfully submitted,



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